

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A cover for a trench, the cover comprising: –

a cover member for extending over a trench; the cover member comprising a pair of ground engaging portions bridged by a central trench covering portion; and

a trench element depending from the cover member to confine the cover member with respect to a trench; the trench element being movable relative to the cover member between a plurality of discrete locations to facilitate adjustment to a desired width of trench;

wherein the trench element comprises a plurality of openings; and

the cover member comprises a protrusion in connection with the cover member and protruding from an underside of the cover member for engagement in one of the plurality of openings corresponding to one of the plurality of discrete locations.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 1 comprising at least two trench elements.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 2 wherein the two trench elements are movable relative to the cover member between a number of discrete locations to facilitate adjustment to a desired width of trench.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cover comprises a lock ~~locking means~~ to releasably lock a trench element in a desired position relative to the cover member.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 4 wherein the lock locking means comprises a fixing pin extendable through an opening in the trench element and an aligned opening in the cover member.

Claims 6 – 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 1 8 wherein the plurality of openings on the trench element are interconnected to form ~~has~~ an elongate slot and each of the plurality of the openings is an enlarged hole ~~with a number of enlarged holes~~ at discrete locations along the elongated slot.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 9 wherein the protrusion substantially fills one of the enlarged holes at a discrete location along the elongated slot ~~hole~~ in the trench element when engaged therein.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 10 wherein the protrusion comprises an elongate extension for engagement in the slot in the trench element.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 1 comprising a guide on the underside of the cover.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 12 wherein the guide is defined by a pair of ribs depending from the underside of the cover member, the ribs being spaced apart to receive a portion of the trench element therebetween.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the trench element comprises a handle portion to facilitate gripping of the trench element during adjustment.

Claim 15 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 2 wherein the trench elements are oppositely directed.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cover comprises an interlink arrangement means comprising a first interlink part means at one transverse side of the cover member and a complementary second interlink part means at an opposite transverse side of the cover member, one of the first or second interlink part means being engagable underneath the other of the first and second interlink part means of a like cover on assembly.

Claim 17 (currently amended) The A cover as claimed in claim 16 wherein the cover is relatively movable with respect to an adjacent cover to follow the contour of a trench.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The A cover assembly for a trench, the assembly comprising a plurality of covers as claimed in claim 1.